

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

YUAIJIAN LIN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

LA VIE EN SCHEZUAN RESTAURANT
CORP., et al.

Defendants.

15cv09507 (DF)

ORDER

DEBRA FREEMAN, United States Magistrate Judge:

On March 6, 2020, this Court issued an Order To Show Cause why a default judgment should not be entered against defendant Zhong Qing Wang (“Wang”), in favor of plaintiffs Yuajian Lin and Yu Huang (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), for damages under the Fair Labor Standards Act and the New York Labor Law. (Dkt. 127.) In that Order, the Court gave Wang until March 27, 2020 to respond and stated that, if Wang did not respond by that date, then the Court would enter a default judgment against him. (*Id.*, at 5.) As of this date, Wang has not responded to the Court’s Order, despite Plaintiffs’ reported attempts to contact him. (*See* Dkts. 130, 131.)

Nonetheless, the Court finds that, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, which may affected Wang’s ability to respond in a timely manner, it would be unjust to enter a default judgment against Wang at this time. Instead, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. The Order To Show Cause (Dkt. 127) is modified so as to extend Wang’s deadline to respond until April 30, 2020.

2. If Wang does not respond to the Order To Show Cause by April 30, 2020, then the Court will proceed to grant Plaintiffs' motion for a default judgment against him, as to the claims specified in that Order. (*See id.*, at 4.)

3. Plaintiffs' counsel is directed to serve a copy of this Order on Wang, by mail, at the address identified in Plaintiffs' March 25, 2020 letter to the Court (*see* Dkt. 131), and to file proof of such service.

Dated: New York, New York
March 30, 2020

SO ORDERED

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra Freeman", is written over a horizontal line.

DEBRA FREEMAN
United States Magistrate Judge

Copies to:

All counsel (via ECF)